

## TWO GRAND NATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONGRESSES

Assembled Today--Reciprocity Conference at Chicago and the Trans-Mississippi Congress at Portland.

### GREAT GOOD EXPECTED TO BUSINESS INTERESTS

Each is Largely Attended and Subjects Discussed Those Most Vital to Commercial Interests of Country, Home and Abroad.

### SOME OF THE ABLEST MEN OF THE COUNTRY ATTEND EACH

Portland, Ore., Aug. 16.—The sixteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress was opened here today with nearly 1,000 delegates in attendance. Theodore B. Wilcox of this city, the president of the congress, called the meeting to order, and after welcoming the delegates delivered his annual address. He called special attention to the importance of the congress, in view of the building of the trans-isthmian canal, and the establishment of new relations between the United States and the rest of the world. The mayor of the city, the president of the exposition, and other prominent speakers also addressed the delegates.

The convention, or congress, as it is called, will remain in session until Saturday, and will undoubtedly be of unusual interest to the Trans-Mississippi region of the United States. The Pacific trade will be the chief topic of the congress. Owing to the impending change in the geographical possibilities of the United States in consequence of the construction of the Panama canal this subject is considered of the greatest importance, and will be discussed thoroughly. The question of demanding the establishment of a department of mines and mining, with its head a member of the president's cabinet, will also be discussed. Other subjects which will come up are the improvement of rivers and harbors, the establishing of a union of interests between Pacific coast ports and the Gulf of Mexico, the merchant marine, the consular service, etc.

Among the prominent delegates who are expected to attend the congress are the governors of California, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming, Louisiana, Utah and Idaho; Hong Yu Wei, representing the Chinese government; John Ford, of New York, secretary of the American-Asiatic association; F. B. Thurber, president of the United States Export association; John W. Noile, formerly secretary of the interior; Judge Groscup, of Chicago, and Chairman T. P. Shonts, of the Isthmian canal commission. All of them are expected to deliver addresses on some of the most important subjects before the congress.

It is said that Duluth, Des Moines, Kansas City, New Orleans, Denver and Salt Lake City will make bids for the congress of 1906. A spirited contest between the representatives of the respective states is expected.

As was to be expected, the largest attendance was drawn from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and the balance of power in the matter of selecting the next meeting place, which shows signs of being a matter of keen

### GREGORIAN CHANT CONGRESS OPENS

Strasburg, August 16 16.—The international congress for Gregorian Chant was opened here this morning with a large attendance, including a number of prominent members from the United States, like the Rev. L. Bonvin, S. J., of Buffalo; the Rev. R. Fuhr, O. S. F. of Los Angeles; the Rev. H. Tappert of Covington; the Rev. N. M. Wagner, of Brooklyn and the Rev. J. B. Young, S. J., of New York. The congress was called to order by Dr. P. Wagner, professor of Gregorian chant, at the university of Freiburg, Switzerland. He acts in the name of the pontifical commission for the preparation of the Vatican edition of the Gregorian chant. In his opening address he stated that Pope Pius X insisted upon a reform according to the regulations of his note on church music given out last year. Several interesting technical essays were read. In the afternoon there were practice performances of Gregorian chant in the seminary adjoining the cathedral. The congress will be in session until Saturday, and there will be two grand church concerts at the cathedral, at which old and modern treatments of Gregorian chants for voice and organ will be presented. The program of the first concert will include only music by composers of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the second only even by composers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

## LOCAL PHYSICIANS ARE AIDING HOSPITAL SERVICE

New Orleans, La., Aug. 16.—The other thirty-two, Inspector Perkins fact that local physicians are now assisting the marine hospital service in turning up all existing cases of yellow fever, is evidenced in an examination of the report for the past twenty-four hours. Of the sixty-two cases thirty were reported by doctors. Of the

### RECIPROCITY CONFERENCE WELCOMED HEARTILY.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 16.—The National Reciprocity Conference today began a two days' session in the Illinois Theater, 600 delegates from all parts of the country having assembled to discuss the reciprocal trade relations with other countries, the Dingley tariff law, alterations in the Interstate Commerce laws, and kindred matters.

The great stock raising and farming industries of the west are especially well represented. Manufacturers from the eastern states are also strongly represented. A notable feature of the conference was the attendance of foreign consuls, resident in Chicago, representing nearly every country in the world. The conference was called to order by A. D. Sanders of Chicago, who nominated as temporary chairman, John E. Wiley, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. The nomination was unanimously accepted. William N. Corbin of New York was chosen secretary, and Lem. Gov. Chas. E. Deneen of Illinois, was introduced and said:

"It is not too much to say the nation hopes that this convention will make suggestions and recommendations which will meet the approval of the president and congress, and lead to the enactment of laws and negotiation and ratifications of treaties which will not alone enable us to retain the foreign commerce we already have, but to enlarge it."

Mayor Dunne welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city. The address delivered altogether the fact that there is not altogether harmony on the subject of the Chinese restriction laws. It became apparent during the address of Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, that the sentiment of Washington and Oregon is in favor of strict application of the restriction law as opposed to more liberal application favored by the California representatives and the delegates from the middle west.

### A CLOUD SHROUDS C. M. WILKINSON'S DEPARTURE

C. M. Wilkinson, who has been manager for Robert Massey & company, cigar manufacturers, on Railroad avenue, left the city unceremoniously on Sunday night for El Paso, and rumor has it that he left under a cloud. The mercantile agencies in their report this morning, had that C. M. Massey & company, cigar manufacturers, had made an assignment and that a receiver had been appointed to manage the business until the accounts of the concern could be examined. An investigation proved that the mercantile agencies were mistaken. Robert Massey, who is a one-sixth owner in the concern, was in charge of the business, but it is believed, however, that proceedings are being taken to prevent Mr. Wilkinson from involving the company any further, as a protection to its creditors and the other partners of the company. Mr. Wilkinson, like Mr. Massey, is a one-sixth owner in the business, and the other two-thirds of the stock is said to be owned by D. A. Macpherson.

Whether Mr. Wilkinson is really short in his accounts and that the officers are after him, could not be learned. The officers say not—that no warrant has been issued for him. The El Paso papers show that C. M. Wilkinson registered at the Sheldon hotel in that city on Tuesday, August 15.

### Closing Stock Quotations.

New York, Aug. 16.—Closing prices: Alchison, 96 1/4; pfd., 104 1/4; N. Y. C., 135 1/4; Pennsylvania, 145 1/4; S. P., 107 1/4; U. P., 103 1/4; U. P. pfd., 99 1/4; S. S., 96 1/4; pfd., 104 1/4.

### WHIP BEHIND!



## NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

Of Which Booker Washington Has Been President Since Inception Met Today in New York.

New York, Aug. 16.—The fifth annual convention of the National Negro Business league met here today in the Palm garden, with Booker T. Washington in the chair and a large number of delegates in attendance. The negroes of this city have made extensive preparations for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, and among the features will be an automobile ride through the city, an excursion up the Hudson and a dinner at the Palm garden.

Two hundred colored men opened the sixth annual session of the National Business league in this city today. The object of the league is to bring together negroes engaged in business for themselves for mutual help and support. Booker T. Washington has been president of the league since its inception.

### FALL THROUGH SKYLIGHT FATAL James Rice, Who Was Hurt While Painting Roof of Maze, Died Today.

James Rice, who fell through a skylight at the Maze store on Monday, while painting the roof of the building, died of his injuries at 2 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's hospital, where he was removed immediately after the accident.

At the time of the accident Rice was engaged in painting the roof of the building occupied by the Maze store. As he painted, he would back up a few steps, and in doing this, he backed into the skylight, and was precipitated to the floor below, a distance of probably twenty-five feet.

He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital in an ambulance. When examined it was found that he was fatally injured, his skull being fractured and one arm broken. Because of his advanced age, little hope was held out for his recovery.

Mr. Rice was one of the pioneer residents of this city, having resided here about twenty-five years. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Proper Transfer company. During his declining years he did odd jobs about the city for a living. He leaves no family.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the chapel of O. W. Strong's Son's undertaking establishment. Rev. J. M. Solie, pastor of the Highland Methodist church, will have charge of the services. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

### KEYSTONE DEMOCRATS ARE IN CONVENTION

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—The democratic state convention met here in adjourned session in the Lyceum Theater at noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Supreme Court. Chairman J. K. P. Hall called the convention to order and explained the object of the meeting. After the usual committees had been appointed the convention took a recess.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of endorsing John Stewart, the republican nominee for the Supreme Court, to follow the fusion with the Independent Republicans of the state in favor of William H. Berry, on the democratic state Central Committee, for state treasurer. An effort was made to induce the democratic state Central Committee to endorse Stewart, but Chairman Hall ruled out the proposition. As there is no other candidate of importance in the field, the candidacy of Stewart will probably be endorsed by the convention.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT IS EXONERATED

The Investigating Committee Finds Charges Were Grossly Exaggerated.

### SOME NEW CHANGES IN SYSTEM

Pursuant to a call issued by Mayor McKee, the city council held a special meeting at the city hall last night for the purpose of hearing the report of the police committee, which was instructed at the last regular meeting of the council to make a thorough investigation of the charges made against the police department, and to hear any and all complaints any person had to register against the department at large or against any individual officer.

The committee made its report. The report shows that the committee made a thorough investigation and failed to secure one word of evidence from certain persons who made derogatory reports as to the police force that would assist the committee in its investigations. Instead, the report says, these persons have retarded and discredited the efforts of the committee along this line.

The committee states that it investigated the complaints made and has kept a careful record of the same. But the report of the committee contains nothing that would go to confirm some of the sensational charges that were made against the police department. However, it does go to show that the committee did make a sweeping investigation and received some suggestions, some of which have been taken under consideration.

Probably the most important among the suggestions of the committee was the one which recommends that all curtains, doors and other obstructions of view to the wine rooms be removed, thus making these places open to the public and to police inspection.

Another suggestion, equally as important, is that all persons going to lodging houses and hotels in the city be compelled to register their right names, and that the hotels and lodging houses keep a register for this purpose. The report recommends that any one found not registering his or her proper name, be fined for committing a misdemeanor.

The recommendation is also made that another officer be appointed to the council to be known as a police sergeant. This officer is to be on duty at the police station at all hours of the night, with authority to accept bonds, cash or otherwise. The committee also believes that the appointment of such an officer would supply a much needed want, as in case some one in the residence portion of the city should need an officer, they would know where they could find one.

After the report had been read and discussed, Alderman Harrison moved that the council extend a vote of thanks to the members of the police committee for their work, and that the committee be instructed to continue as an investigating committee. The motion carried.

Alderman Leonard followed Alderman Harrison, and made a motion that the chief of police be thanked for his hearty co-operation with the police committee in its investigation. This motion also carried.

Chief McMillin then talked a short time to the council. He thought it would be well to appoint a night officer with full authority, to be called a sergeant, or captain, who would be empowered to receive bonds and have full charge of the night force. The matter was taken under consideration by the council.

Report and Recommendations. Following is the full report of the police committee and the recommendations made by this committee:

Committee's Report. To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council: Gentlemen—Your committee having been at the last meeting of the council requested to investigate the matter of complaints against the police department, and as to the sys-

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## PEACE CONFERENCE IS PROGRESSING FINELY

Article Seven Was Considered Today and Conditionally Agreed on, Being Surrender of Chinese Eastern Railroad

### WHICH RUNS BETWEEN HARBIN AND PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Envoys Send to Washington for Parchment Such as Treaties are Engrossed on--Considered Significant.

### OYAMA IS STILL MARCHING ON, BUT IN SLIGHT ATTACKS

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—The article seven will take up all of the afternoon.

### JAPANESE SENTIMENT AS EXPRESSED AT TOKIO.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—Nichi Nichi tomorrow will say: "The continuance of the conference is indicative of a hopeful prospect for the conclusion of peace." The paper declares that if the Russians had rejected absolutely the questions of reimbursement and cession of the Island of Sakhalin, the Japanese would have withdrawn from the conference at once.

Russia will not admit the Japanese contention that the road is wholly a government institution, as all shares of the corporation are owned by the Russo-Chinese bank. The government's interest in the road, however, will probably not be denied, but it will be urged that so far as it is private property it is not confiscable.

### RUSSIAN PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

The following statement was made by Mr. Korostovskiy at the close of the morning session: "In the morning sitting, August 16th, the conference was taken up in the discussion of article seven. The discussion not having been finished, the conference has taken a recess at 1 o'clock. The session will be resumed at 3 o'clock. The exchange of views this morning was of the largest character. It is expected that article seven will take up all of the afternoon."

### STRAWS SHOW THE WAY THE WIND BLOWS.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 16.—It is known that the Japanese plenipotentiaries today sent to Washington for parchment paper, such as is used in engrossment of treaties. This is regarded as a significant sign.

### IN THE MEANTIME, THE ARMY WORKS FOR PEACE.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—An official report says: "Early on August 14 in the direction of Changtu, a Russian force attacked our position at Ershihpian, eight miles north of Changtu, but were repulsed. Our casualties were none; Russian loss, 35. Simultaneously, a force attacked our arms eight miles northwest of Changtu. This attack was repulsed, the Russians retreating northward, leaving ten dead. The Russians also made an attack on Welnunapen, which was repulsed."

### CAPTURES BURGLAR SINGLE HANDED

J. P. Fletcher, who resides on the old Paterson ranch, four miles south of this city, had an exciting encounter with a burglar at his home on the ranch this morning, but he succeeded in getting the best of the robber, and brought him a prisoner to the city this afternoon, where he was lodged in the city jail.

Mr. Fletcher had occasion to go to a clothes closet for some clothes, and when he opened the door out sprang the burglar. He grappled with the man, and downed him before he could inflict any injuries.

The burglar had stacked a lot of fine wearing apparel in the corner of the closet, preparatory to making his escape with it. Mr. Fletcher says he probably entered the house during the night and was waiting until night to get out.

The man gives his name as William Moore, and appears to be a professional hobo. He was hanging about the streets here yesterday, and was run out of town and it is supposed he stopped at the Fletcher ranch for the purpose of making a rich haul.

He will probably be given a hearing tomorrow.

### GOOD FOR NORWAY WHICH WANTS REPUBLIC

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The plan supported by Great Britain for Prince Charles of Denmark to ascend the Norwegian throne, has failed, according to advices received here from Copenhagen. The expectation is that Norway will establish a republic.

### ABSCONDING BELCHER MAY BE CAUGHT YET

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 16.—Public Prosecutor Emley has information that former Mayor Belcher, for whom a warrant, charging embezzlement, has been issued, sailed from San Francisco, August 5th. With the co-operation of the federal and state governments, which Emley has asked, he hopes to arrest the fugitive when the steamer touches at Honolulu.

Three Thousand Eagles Delegates Grand Aerie

Denver, Colo., Aug. 16.—The Grand Aerie of Eagles settled down to business today. The report of the credentials committee showed 3,576 delegates present.

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Fresno, Cal., Aug. 16.—Minor details of a daring robbery by highwaymen of two Yosemite valley stages between Raymond and Wawona, have reached here. The stages were held up one at a time, about three and one-half miles from Ahwahnee, a few miles above Grub gulch. The passengers were relieved of their money.

Yosemite Stages Are Robbed by Highwaymen